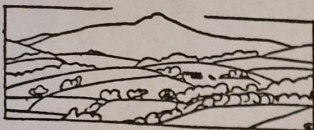


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The Bailies of Bennachie

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Thurs. 26th October '89

Dear Mr and Mrs Grimley,

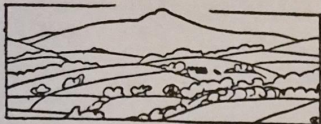
Following our Sub. Committee meeting of 24th October, I am sending you a list of possible areas/topics which might merit inclusion in Bennachie video. I realise that it is a fairly comprehensive list and it may not be possible to include shots of everything, but we feel that the more you have to work on the better will be the final result. No doubt we will discuss these topics at the meeting of Tuesday 14th November, at your house. At this stage may I once again apologise for the mix-up over the last meeting, and hope that that it did not cause any great inconvenience. Looking forward to meeting you on 14th,

I remain

Yours Sincerely

H. Cadenhead
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Senior Bailie.



The Bailies of Bennachie

1. Topography of Bennachie

Bennachie, a unique mountain, surrounded completely by agricultural land. Its easy accessibility. 'Jewel in the Crown' of Gordon District - 'The Fuji-yama of Aberdeenshire', etc.. Panoramic view (? aerial) was suggested.

2. Geology

Geological development of Bennachie - Granite mass - weathering- tors - peaks, etc. giving it its distinctive shape today.

3. Peat Deposits

Old Peat Road. Peat has provided evidence of the Old Caledonian Forest and previous vegetation. Still some interesting plants, e.g. Juniper, club mosses, etc.. Forest's destruction by man.

4. Man and Bennachie

Prehistory: Beaker graves; Recumbent Stone Circles (Aquhorthies): Hill Fort on Mither Tap; Maiden's Causeway; Symbol Stones (Pictish). Along with these might be incorporated Legends (Maiden Stone, Hosie's Well, etc..)

5. Castles

Maiden Castle; Pitfichie; Harthill; Lickleyhead.

6. The 19th Century Colonists

Crofting; granite-quarrying; drystone dyking; Division of Bennachie- evictions, Thieves' Mark- Esson's Croft - Esson's Grave at Chapel of Garioch.

7. Afforestation of Bennachie

Pre-World War One, during which many trees were cut down.

Forestry Commission work- opening up hill for recreation- car parks - walks - Old Aberdeen Turnpike - Gordon Way.

Mention might also be made of sheep and hill farming that went on between the wars.

8. Conservation and the Bailies

Foundation 1973; Growth since then; Various projects; conservation work on Bennachie, etc.

9. Animal life.

10. Management problems : 'Scars' on Bracla Estate.

12. Music and literature of Bennachie

13. Bennachie through the seasons.

14. Annual Rally, 1990